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- 25X1 1. 22d Tank Brig (Cadre)
- 25X1 CO of the 22d Tank Brig (Cadre): Staff Capt. SURA. All the
- 25X1 brigade's equipment had been transferred to other tank units.
- 25X1 2. 16th Inf Bn (Cadre)
- Originally a battalion armed exclusively with submachine guns of Soviet type PPS. The submachine gun battalion had been a component unit of the 22d Tank Brig. CO of the 16th Inf Bn (Cadre): Maj. KROB. The unit had only few SM. The officers remained at the headquarters of the cadre battalion, some of them expected to be transferred to other units. All arms of the battalion had been turned in to the 5th Ordnance Depot, BRNO (P 50/N 40).
- 25X1 3. 11th Tank Brig
- 25X1 a. The brigade was transferred from MORAVSKA TREBOVA (P 50/N 46) to DEDICE in the summer of 1949. CO of the 11th Tank Brig: Col. DOLEZAL. The brigade consisted of three tank battalions and one replacement battalion. There were 400 to 450 SM in the brigade. It had not yet been decided whether or not the brigade was to remain in DEDICE.
- 25X1 b. The brigade was equipped with only 12 Cromwell tanks (only two were serviceable) at the time of observation.
- 25X1 4. 53rd Inf Bn
- a. Together with the 11th Tank Brig, the 53rd Inf Bn had been transferred from MORAVSKA TREBOVA to DEDICE. CO of the 53rd Inf Bn: Col. MATEJICEK.
- b. The battalion numbered about 400 troops, armed with submachine guns. One battery with four light antitank guns was attached to the battalion.

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5. Tank Training Center

a. The DEDICE tank training center was the only^{one} of its kind in Czechoslovakia. CO of Tank Training Center: Col. GOTTWALD. Cofs: Maj VLACIL.

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b. Soviet Col (Tank troops) Tsorin CYPRYAKOV has been attached to the training center as adviser since 1946. The training center included one training battalion of 300 to 350 men, the course for the tank officers who attended the Military Academy for the second year, and the school for tank reserve-officers

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c. The Tank Training Center was equipped with nine JS tanks, three of which were serviceable.

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6. 54th Arty Regt

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a. The regiment was assigned to the KOLIN (O 51/A 38) 21st Arty Brig. Preparations were made to move the brigade to OLDOMUC (P 50/A 35).

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b. CO of the 54th Arty Regt: Col SKRIBAL

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C/S: Maj DOBES

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c. The regiment consisted of three battalions and one replacement battalion. Each battalion had three batteries, each being equipped with four 75-mm guns, according to T/S. However, only sixteen serviceable guns were available. The regiment had twelve ZIS 1.5-ton trucks, three passenger cars, two motorcycles and one vehicle with hoisting gear.

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7. Meteorological Station

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The station, staffed with one first lieutenant and five men, provided maneuvering artillery and air force units with weather reports. The station was under the BRNO (P 40/ N 40) II Meteorological Center,

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Comment:

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a. The 11th Tank Brig (formerly located in MORAVSKA) was previously reported to be located in DEDICE, the 16th SAG Bn and the 22d Tank Brig were previously mentioned as cadre units *.

b. Since this report and the two previous reports were supplied the above report cannot be considered a confirmation of them. The report, however, appears credible inasmuch as it contains much data on units, other numbers and officer names which agree with previous reports.

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c. As to the 11th Tank Brig and the 22d Tank Brig, the above report is confirmed by a previous report

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d. It is still unknown whether the 22d Tank Brig (Cadre) and the 16th SMG Bn (Cadre) will be deactivated or whether they will be again manned and equipped and brought up to full strength.

e. The statement that the 11th Tank Brig was equipped with only 12 Cromwell tanks is at variance with a report of January 1949 [] according to which the brigade was equipped with T-34 and JS tanks. Further information on the subject is required.

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